HOUSE No. 1954

By Mr. Broadhurst of Methuen, petition of Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to provide for the public inspection of records made or received by special state police officers at educational institutions and hospitals. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC INSPECTION OF RECORDS MADE OR RECEIVED BY SPECIAL STATE POLICE OFFICERS AT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND HOSPITALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 63 of Chapter 22C of the General Laws,
- 2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
- 3 inserting at the end, the following new paragraph:—
- 4 All records, reports or other documentary materials or data
- 5 made or received by any employee of a college, university, other
- 6 educational institution or hospital so appointed as a special state
- 7 police officer shall be public records kept and maintained in the
- 8 custody of said institution, except as otherwise provided by law.
- 1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, as
- 2 so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in line 9 after the
- 3 words "considers necessary." The following sentence:—
- 4 He shall see that the records of special state police officers
- 5 appointed to colleges, universities, other educational institutions
- 6 or hospitals are kept in the custody and condition required by the
- 7 laws relating to such employees of such institutions.
- 1 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 10 of chapter 66 of the
- 2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in
- 3 line 2, after the words "as defined in clause 26 of section 7 of
- 4 chapter 4," the following words:—
- 5 or section 63 of Chapter 22C,

- 1 SECTION 4. Subsection (a) of section 10 of chapter 66 of the
- 2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in
- 3 lines 10-11 after the words "the Massachusetts bay transportation
- 4 authority police" the following words:—
- 5 , a college, university, other educational institution or hospital
- 6 employing one or more special state police officers,
- 1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.